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Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Gov. Janice Boswell hands Larry Echo-Hawk papers asking for the return of Ft. Reno at the Tribal Nations Summit in Washington, D.C.

Obama: US will back United Nations on rights of Native people

By Matthew Daly, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)-President Barack Obama said Thursday that the United States will reverse course and support a United Nations declaration defending the rights of indigenous peoples.

Obama told American Indian leaders that the declaration affirms the importance and rich cultures of native peoples throughout the world. The U.S. voted against the declaration when the General Assembly adopted it in 2007, arguing it was incompatible with existing laws. Three other countries, Australia, Canada and New Zealand, also opposed the declaration but have since announced their support.

The declaration is intended to protect the rights of more than 370 million native peoples worldwide, affirming their equality and ability to maintain their own institutions, cultures and spiritual traditions. It sets standards to fight discrimination and marginalization and eliminate human rights violations.

Administration officials said last April that they were reviewing the U.S. position on the declaration. The State Department called the decision to support the declaration a ``meaningful change in the U.S. position'' that resulted from a comprehensive review that included consultation with tribes.

While not legally binding, the declaration ``carries considerable moral and political force and complements the president's ongoing efforts to address historical inequities faced by indigenous communities in the United States,'' the State Department said in a statement.

More important than any resolution or declaration are actions to match those words, Obama said, adding that his administration is working to help Indian tribes meet a variety of challenges.

Obama noted that this year he signed laws to improve health care and law enforcement for Native American tribes and helped resolve long-standing disputes over discrimination against American Indian farmers by the Agriculture Department and mistreatment by the Interior Department of those with royalty rights for oil, gas, grazing and timber.

``We're making progress. We're moving forward. And what I hope is that we are seeing a turning point in the relationship between our nations,'' Obama told a conference of tribal nations attended by more than 500 people representing more than 320

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FTA awards Indian tribes $15.1 million, public transportation improvements

American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments across the United States will soon be making public transportation improvements on or near reservations, thanks to a $15.1 million investment of federal funds announced today by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

"DOT is absolutely committed to improving tribal transportation resources," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. "Building and maintaining good transportation infrastructure on and near tribal lands, and in Alaska Native villages, goes hand-in-hand with meeting the needs of the local workforce while protecting environmentally sensitive lands and important cultural legacies."

Tribal Transit funds will provide grants to tribes for 59 separate projects, including transit equipment purchases and facility construction and improvements. Participants under this program include federally recognized tribes and Alaska Native villages.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes will be one of the tribes to receive a grant from the FTA.

Transportation Director Angela Blind and the Tribal Transit Coordinator Michelle Johnson applied for and received a $400,000 enhancement grant for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Transit System.

Blind stated they plan to implement on-demand services within the next six months that will include services from 6 p.m. through 11 p.m. on week-

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BIA officer gets new partner, the kind with four paws

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

BIA officer Vince Fisher and his new partner, Santos, patrol the parking lot at Lucky Star Casino in Concho, Okla.

With his nose to the ground and his tail straight out, Santos is doing what he does best. Sniffing out drugs in vehicles.

While the sounds of Sammy Hagar rocked inside the Lucky Star Casino's Event Center on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, Officer Vince Fisher and his new partner, Santos, cruised the parking lot outside. Their mission, to detect any drugs on the premises inside vehicles.

Santos, a four and a half year old Dutch Shepherd is the newest addition to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) team.

"Santos is trained to sniff out marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine and heroine," Fisher said. "He is also trained in criminal suspect apprehension, such as if a suspect takes off into the woods or is hiding somewhere Santos can track them."

The BIA purchased Santos in the fall 2010. Fisher began training with Santos Oct. 4, 2010 at the Ameria Canine Training Center in Muskogee, Okla. In the state of Oklahoma there are a total of five dogs like Santos used by the BIA.

"We have five agencies in the state and each agency received one dog. We haven't officially deployed Santos yet but we wanted people to know we have him and are going to be using him to police our casino parking lots," BIA Office Cody said. "If we needed to conduct a large scale operation, we could request all five dogs and their partners to come to whichever location they are needed at one time."

Fisher, who has worked with three drug detection dogs with over eight years of experience, began with the BIA in El Reno, Okla. three years ago.

"We will be patrolling the parking lots of the casinos, concert events and other events to ensure there are no drugs on the premises," Fisher said.

Santos' first drug interdiction (detection/prevention) was the Boys II Men concert held Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010 in Concho, Okla.

"I am happy to say we didn't detect any drugs in the parking lot that night at the concert," Fisher said.

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"Photos by Tish"-Patty Whitecotton

Tribal veterans honored with laying of wreaths

Submitted article

Volunteers placed wreaths in honor of Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' veterans on Dec. 17, 2010 at the Concho Cemetery in Concho, Okla.

Margaret Tallbear, Malaina Tallbear, Steven Rice, Zac Rice, Cody Zimmer, Thomas Fast Horse Francine Worthington, Deforest "Mock" Tallbear assisted the Daughter's of The American Revolution (DAR) to assemble the wreaths and transported them to the Concho location.

Small American flags and decorated Red Cedar wreaths were placed on each gravesite.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Color Guard fired a gun salute and Mock Tallbear played taps.

A traditional Cheyenne and Arapaho prayer was given before the placement of the flags and wreaths.

The DAR hopes to return next year, and with the assistance of more tribal members, more wreaths can be made for all the tribal Veterans graves during the Wreaths Across America program. The Wreaths Across America activities takes place on or near the second Saturday of December. Next year the DAR asked for help to assemble the wreaths and to have a chipper available to recycle any unused portions of the tree branches.

Below is an excerpt from Wreaths Across America Website.

"It was relatively obscure until 2005 when a photo of the stones adorned with wreaths and covered in snow circulated around the Internet. The project received National attention. Thousands of requests poured in from all over the country from people wanting to emulate the Arlington project at their National and State cemeteries spurred the creation of "Wreaths Across America™". Unable to donate thousands of wreaths to each state, Mr. Worcester conceived the idea of sending 7 wreaths (one for each branch of the military as well as POW/MIA). In 2006 with the help of the CAP and other civic organizations, over 150 locations held wreath-laying ceremonies simultaneously. The Patriot Guard Riders volunteered as escort for the wreaths going to Arlington. This began the annual "Veterans Honor Parade" that travels the east coast in early December. By 2007 the requests for more wreaths grew. The Worcester family established the non-profit groups Wreaths Across America to further promote Veterans remembrance. The mission Remember, Honor and Teach characterized the projects goals perfectly. By 2008 over 300 locations held wreath laying ceremonies in every state, Puerto Rico and 24 over seas cemeteries. Over 100,000 wreaths were placed on veterans' graves. Over 60,000 volunteers participated. WAA reached out to thousands of children with the message of Remember, Honor and Teach. The importance of honoring each fallen serviceman as individuals is stressed. The wreath laying is now held annually on the second Saturday of December. The U.S. Congress as Wreaths Across America Day unanimously voted December 13, 2008. Wreaths Across America would not be successful without the help of the volunteers, many active organizations and the generosity of the trucking industry. We collectively thank our military and their families for our freedom."

Native American makes mark on the world of speed skiing

Submitted article

Ross Anderson is the fastest skier North America has seen.

Ross Anderson is an enrolled Native American, Cheyenne and Arapaho and part Mescalero Apache with Hispanic origin and he has the ninth fastest speed ever in the world.

This is a remarkable accomplishment considering there are no speed skiing tracks in the USA where speed skiers can train or practice.

Ross has been featured on televised news and human-interest stories on CNN, in national and international magazines such as a *Sports Illustrated*, *New Look French* publication, *Native Peoples*, *SCI Italia Magazine*, *London Times*, the *French Le Dauphine* and in several local and state publications.

He can be seen in the 1998/1999 Warren Miller feature *Free Riders*. Euro sport Europe, PBS *Spirit of Colorado*, Japanese Television, Channel 44 Mexico, Fox Sport, ESPN 2, and numerous other international and national broadcasting media.

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Native Business: Economic Prosperity for a New Year

By Jim Stanley

Let us start with an established fiscal principle, the economic multiplier. This is where money changes hands and one person's spending is another person's income.

When buying and selling occur in a closed system the money circulates through the hands of people and businesses. Goods and services are exchanged, business and personal incomes are more likely to be stable, and over time capital is available for investment.

Naturally and eventually money leaves the system through outlets like vacations, the purchase of imports, and utilization of services not supplied inside the closed system. The longer money can stay within the system the greater the multiplier effect.

Economic Development is a widely accepted movement across Indian Country and the way to bolster a tribal economy is to find ways to keep money in the local system. The total solution is unique to each respective tribe, pueblo, band or first nation but the universal truth is that success in improving a sovereign economy is the mobilization of individuals to provide goods and services internal to the tribal system.

Economic success starts when one person takes action upon a good idea and brings it to life in a way that is profitable.

Sometimes before a board meeting I will drive through my Village to talk to some of the locals. On one occasion I ran into Maryann and asked her how she liked the new store layout. The enterprise board had approved a remodel and it had just been completed for the Taholah Mercantile, a community store. Maryann was sharing what she thought then asked something that surprised me.

She said, "Why don't you guys have a section for prepared meals?" Maryann explained that a lot of times families need something quick to fix but should not cost too much but still be healthy since nutrition is important. She thought the store should have pre prepared meals that you can throw into a crock pot. She went on to explain that in addition to healthy meals we could run contests in the community for the best recipe which would create "buzz" and get people to try them.

I told Maryann that she had a great idea and I encouraged her to think further on how to make it happen. Maryann had just one of many ideas that solve a problem and I know there are many more ideas out there in Indian Country. I imagine, what would happen if 1 percent of all the ideas held by tribal members could be manifested into reality?

I think problems would be solved, dollars could be cycled more frequently and kept longer in a tribal economic system than they are today.

Jim Stanley is a tribal member of the Quinault Nation, Vice President of the Quinault Nation Enterprise Board and board member of the Northwest Native American Chamber. He freely shares his knowledge with you, his business minded cousin. Jim can be reached at sovereigndevelopment@hotmail.com.

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days and weekends and expand their services into Woodward and possibly Woods county and the remainder of Ellis County with the additional funds.

"More transportation options means greater mobility," said FTA Administrator Peter Rogoff. "Planning and expanding public transportation on or near Indian reservations will give those who live on tribal lands – sometimes in very remote areas – better access to jobs, health care, and other vital services."

Funds made available on a competitive basis to tribes through the Tribal Transit program are in addition to formula funds that tribes receive from states through FTA's program for assistance to rural areas. Tribal Transit funds can be used to support planning, capital, and operating assistance for tribal public transit services.

A complete list of projects receiving assistance can be found at www.fta.dot.gov/news/news_events_12218.html.

CANAR annual conference award

Submitted by Bryan Sykes

Courtesy photo Pat Smothers

I would like to recognize Patricia Smothers for one of the CANAR awards. She currently works as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation in Clinton, Okla. She is an Arapaho tribal member and was born in Farmington, New Mexico. She has three daughters and six grandchildren.

Moving to Oklahoma in 1996 she became an employee of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. After some encouragement to join the Vocational Rehabilitation team, she has provided Vocational Rehabilitation services for American Indians with disabilities since 1999. Her passion and drive to learn the Vocational Rehabilitation field and serve American Indians with disabilities goes beyond the average American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation counselor. With Vocational Rehabilitation as her career, she has taken an interest in areas such as: addiction and suicide prevention as well as advocating for the mentally and physically challenged.

She is a member of the National Rehabilitation Association (NRA); National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns (NAMRC) and a team member with the Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation (CANAR). In 2003 she served as the President for the state chapter Oklahoma Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns (OAMRC) and also serves as a team member with the Oklahoma Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (OKTVR) Council.

Smothers attributes her success to her mentor Dr. James Ahtone for seeing the potential in her to do the job and the compassion to do it well.

I submit this recognition as the Cheyenne and Arapaho American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Director for Patricia Smothers providing 11.5 years of exemplary service and perseverance toward the field of Vocational Rehabilitation.

New Year's resolutions

Submitted article

It's a new year so wipe the slate clean and start anew. It is time to make a New Year's resolution. Many people set goals that are not obtainable. In determining your New Year's resolution, different goals should be considered.

Many people will make a New Year's resolution to lose weight. Where's the start point? Do you know if you are overweight? How much weight do you need to lose? According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the body mass index (BMI) is a widely used chart that can aid in assessing your weight. This chart plots height and weight then assigns a number. If the number is below 19, the person is considered underweight. If the number is between 19 and 24, the person is at a normal weight. If the number is between 25 and 30, the person is overweight. If the number is 31 or above, the person is obese. While there are a few body types that BMI does not accurately describe, the BMI chart is reliable for most of the population. To find out your BMI, the internet provides easy access to the chart. Just type in "body mass index" into any search engine and click on any results.

Losing weight is not the only goal a person can make. What about heart health? The American Heart Association recommends exercising at least 30 minutes a day on most days of the week. A good workout for cardiovascular health is walking, jogging, bicycling, jump roping, etc. To receive benefits, the American College of Sports Medicine says that exercise does not have to be done all at once. Exercise can be done in three 10 minutes intervals. This means exercise can spread out throughout the day.

Other goals can be aimed at becoming healthier. Dietary goals can be drinking 8 glasses of water each day, cutting out soda, or eating a variety of fruit and vegetable. The CDC has a campaign called Fruits & Veggies-More Matters. This campaign encourages a healthy diet through educational tips at the FruitsandVeggiesMatter.gov website.

The New Year is upon us. By carefully thinking over goals, this year's resolution will be reasonable. For more information, please contact the Health Education Program at (405) 422-7674.

Story of Bluebird and the buffalo tells tale of father, son reuniting

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By Tom Mast, Casper Star-Tribune

CASPER, Wyo.-Identity begins in stories people tell about themselves.

In the tale of Bluebird and the buffalo, as told by Frances Merle Haas, an Arapaho storyteller and director of the Sky People Higher Education Program, a buffalo calf resurrects his Arapaho father:

Once while on a hunt, a man called Bluebird wounds a buffalo in the side; the animal then runs off.

Later, a woman calls from outside Bluebird's lodge. "Bluebird, come here," she cries.

Bluebird sees a buffalo woman and a child. She tells him, "This child is yours."

"But I have no children," he answers.

"I come from the Buffalo Nation," she says. "You shot me here, and now we have this child."

So Bluebird takes his wife and child into his lodge. Soon, the women of the tribe mock the buffalo woman because of her strange ways, and the men start teasing Bluebird.

"I'm going to leave you," the buffalo woman tells Bluebird. "I'm going back to my people, the Buffalo Nation." Son in tow, the buffalo woman departs.

Before long, Bluebird misses his son and resolves to be reunited. As he arrives at the Buffalo Nation, he sees a group of old bulls

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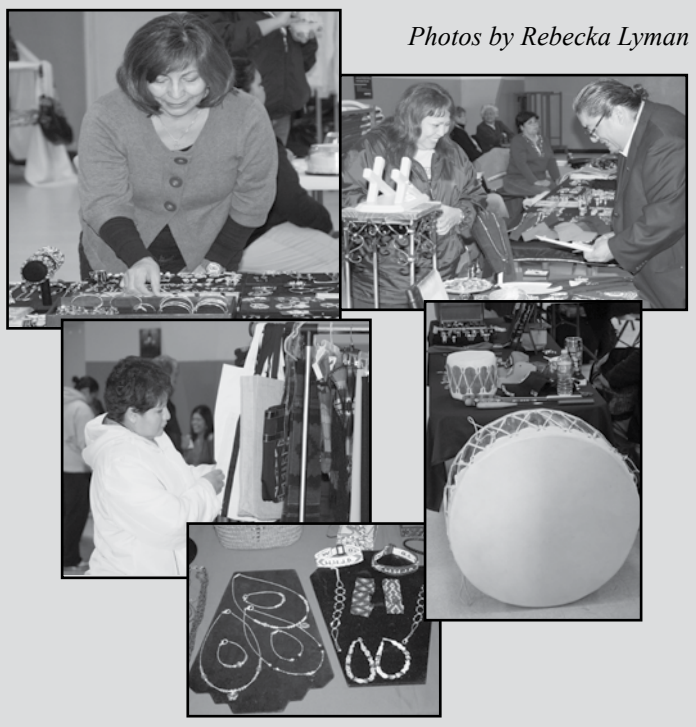
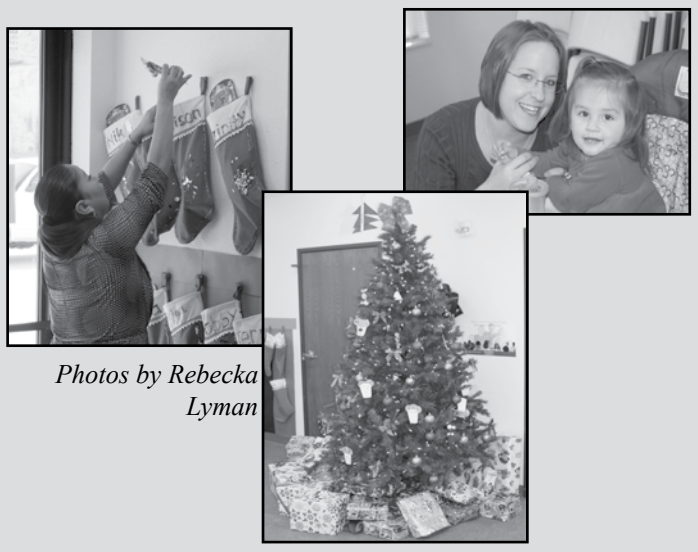


Photos by Rebecka Lyman

Cheyenne and Arapaho Employee Committee held a two-day Christmas Bizarre on Dec. 16, 2010 at the community center in Concho, Okla.

The arts and crafts fair was put together in hopes that one may find that perfect Christmas gift. It was opened to the public and tribal members. There were handcrafted drums, jewelry, blankets, wreaths, OU memorabilia, candy bags and other items.



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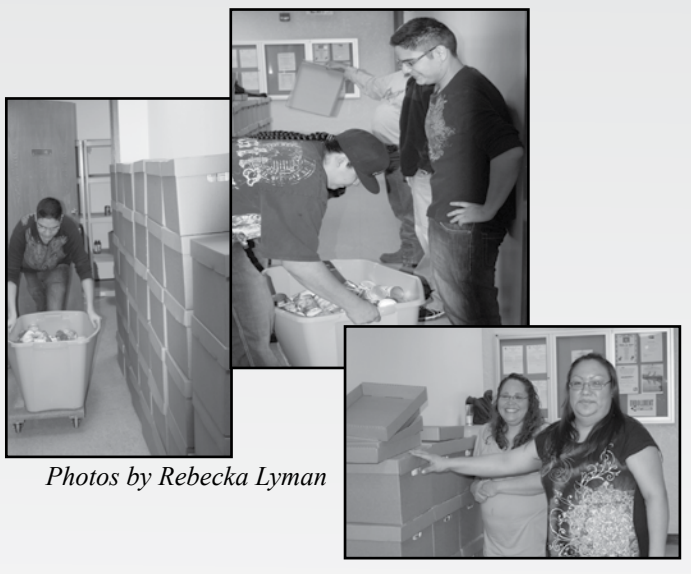
On Dec. 22, 2010 the Concho Child Development Center (CCDC) held their Christmas feast for the children and their families.

Later in the day, after the children woke from their naps they enjoyed visiting with Santa and opening the gifts from Lucky Star Casino, R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program and their teachers from CCDC.

Courtesy Photos

The children at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Clinton Head Start received Christmas presents and Christmas hams at their holiday party. The children also visited the local nursing home to sing Christmas songs to the elders.

Clinton Head Start staff would like to thank the Cheyenne and Arapaho Legislators, Lucky Star Casinos, Smoke Shops and the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program for their contributions.



Photos by Rebecka Lyman

Starting the first week of Nov. 2010 Lucky Star Casino-Watonga began dropping off canned and dried goods to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Social Services Department on a weekly basis for a food drive for tribal families. The Department of Social Services volunteered to distribute and coordinate the food drive.

Also Christmas presents and hams were donated from Lucky Star Casino-Concho and the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program to help make this year's Christmas special to 80 tribal families that lived within the eight-district area.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Legislator's selected the households and delivered the Christmas gifts, hams and dry foods.

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' recognized for Concho Trash Off day

Submitted article

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) recognized the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes as one of their top Best Effort 2010 finalist in Environmental Excellence.

The tribes held a "Concho Trash Off" Aug. 7, 2010 in honor of Earth Day.

The two hour event saw a collection of trash and solid waste weighing nine tons and filling four 30-yard dumpsters, pallets filled with batteries, paint and metal items, and three large drums that stored collected oil and antifreeze.

Participants were rewarded with door prizes, reusable shopping bags, a brown bag meal and an Earth Day t-shirt.

For more information on recycling and other environmental issues contact LaDonna Tall Bear at (405) 422-7654.

To view a short highlight visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=mS9u0R9pkog.

Clinton Service Unit: Contract Health Update

The Contract Health Services (CHS) Department at the Clinton Service Unit is committed to helping you better understand the Contract Health System, what it means, how to obtain services and what are your responsibilities. Here is some information about what you need to do in the event of an emergent visit to the Emergency Room (ER).

72 HOUR NOTIFICATION FOR ER SERVICES

I went to the Emergency Room. They discharged me, but scheduled an appointment. Can you help me pay? No, not without prior approval from Indian Health Services.

I was seen in the ER, what do I need to do next? It is your responsibility for you or your representative (relative or friend) to call CHS if you are seeking their assistance to pay for the ER visit.

How long do I have to call?

All patients under the age of 55 must call within 72 hours.

Elders over the age of 55 have at least 30 days to call with their notification.

What does CHS need? You must provide all the details of the visit (facility, patient name, DOB, name of physician, the reason you were seen at the ER and a good contact phone number) CHS is not responsible for obtaining this information; it is the patient's responsibility. You will also need to make sure that records of your visit are sent to Contract Health Services.

How will I know if my ER visit will be paid? 72 hour call-in does not automatically approve the services for payment. In addition to calling with a 72 hour notification, you must be eligible for Contract Health Services and have submitted all the documentation from your ER visit. The medical records will be reviewed by the CHS review committee. We will notify you of the results of the review.

I have not used IHS services in over a year and/or do not have a chart what do I do? You have 5 days from the date of service in the ER to establish your eligibility by either updating or creating a chart. Failure to do so will result in an automatic denial of payment.

I don't want to go to the ER because I am afraid that my bill won't get paid. We all have concerns about health care costs. It is important to remember that the ER is to be used for true emergencies. If you or your child has a cold or other non-emergent issue please contact the clinic during regular working hours to find a time to come in and be seen, don't wait until the weekend and use the ER. If you are having chest pain, difficulty breathing, a broken bone or other truly emergent issue, please do not hesitate to use the ER. The CHS system is here for you and will do everything we can to help you through the process after you have given your 72 hour notification.

For more information about eligibility and documentation requirements, contact the Clinton Service Unit Contract Health Services at (888) 843-3092.

Eating well for Diabetes

By Lyndsay Seawright, MA, RD/LD
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

11 Healthy Tips for 2011

Vow not to crash diet: We constantly hear about the latest in fad dieting, but we seldom hear about the health implications caused by it. When our bodies are starved of the nutrition they require, it can be very difficult to get back on track. If you have the intention of losing weight in 2011, do it the right way.

Color your plate: When consuming a meal, aim to have a variety of colors on your plate. This practice helps to ensure that you are getting plenty of vitamins and minerals; the more colorful a food is, the higher the nutrient content will be.

Choose whole grains: When faced with the choice between white bread and wheat bread, try going for wheat. The same is true of pasta and other bakery items. Foods with higher wheat content are certain to have more fiber, and therefore, are a better option.

Drink plenty of water: End of story.

Take baby steps: When trying to decrease the amount of less healthful foods in your diet, do it in small intervals. For instance, if you consume 5 sodas every day, shoot for only drinking 4. Once you have this mastered, cut down to 3, and so on. This will likely be easier than quitting soda cold turkey.

Eat at the table: Do not let dinner time commence in front of the television. Put away all electronic devices (yes, cell phones too) and newspapers, and just eat! We are 20 times more likely to overeat when our meal times are full of distractions such as TV shows, text messages, and web browsing.

Abide by the rule of 3: Strive to consume at least 3 different foods at each meal. A slice of pizza is not a great meal, however, if you added a small salad and an apple you would definitely be on the right track.

Focus on eating: That is, instead of focusing on dieting. Make sure to eat enough during the day to sustain energy for daily activities. Pack snack sized bags of fresh fruits and veggies or whole grain crackers and cheese to combat hunger pains, and DO NOT deprive yourself when you are hungry.

Get plenty of sleep: Our bodies need to shut down and replenish from the day's tasks. It is essential to overall health to get at least 8 hours of sleep per night.

Take a multivitamin: However, do not treat your multivitamin as a supplement to poor nutrition. Our bodies use the nutrients in food much more efficiently than the nutrients in a multivitamin. Nonetheless, multivitamins help the body to replenish depleted nutrient stores and should be a part of your daily routine.

Eat more fish: Fish are an extremely nutritious source of protein. The nutrients in fish have been shown to aide in brain function, have a protective effect over the heart and possibly reduce the risk of many cancers.

The Indian Pony at Red Earth Museum features award-winning painters

Painting by Gary Montgomery, Seminole entitled "Winds of War"

Oklahoma City, OK-Twenty original paintings and select historical artifacts culled from the permanent Red Earth Museum collection are currently on display in an exhibit entitled "The Indian Pony" at the downtown Oklahoma City Native American museum and gallery.

The modern horse evolved over three million years and then disappeared from the North American continent 10,000 years ago. Centuries would pass before early Spanish explorers would reintroduce the horse to North America in the 17th Century.

The North American Plains Indians acquired their first horses and the knowledge of how to handle them, through trade with the Indians of the Southwest who interacted with Spanish explorers. The lives of Plains Indians were transformed as horses gave them an advantage when hunting; especially buffalo, the main staple of life in the area bounded by the Rockies and the Mississippi River.

For generations Indian ponies have captured the imagination of artists, authors and screenwriters. "The Indian Pony" at the Red Earth Museum showcases American Indian artists from Oklahoma, and their visions of the horse in Indian culture.

Nine American Indian fine artists, including 2010 Red Earth Festival grand award winner Gary Montgomery, Seminole, are featured in the exhibition. Other artists showcased include Frank Sheridan, Cheyenne, Johnny Tiger, Jr., Creek/Seminole, Ron Geionety, Comanche, Whitebuffalo, Kiowa, Tartsah, Kiowa, Jerome Tiger, Creek/Seminole, Doc Tate Nevequaya, Comanche and Virginia Stroud, Cherokee.

"The Indian Pony" is on view, free to the public, through Feb. 28, 2011 at the Red Earth Museum and Gallery located at 6 Santa Fe Plaza next to the Skirvin Hilton Hotel in Oklahoma City.

For information visit www.redearth.org.

Judge gives initial OK to $3.4B Indian settlement

HELENA, Mont. (AP)-A federal judge has given preliminary approval to a $3.4 billion settlement for Native Americans who say the government mismanaged their land royalties, paving the way to begin a search for hundreds of thousands of potential beneficiaries.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Hogan of Washington, D.C., made his decision Tuesday and ordered the formal beneficiary notification period to begin in 30 days, or Jan. 20.

Congress approved the class-action settlement earlier this month after nearly 15 years of litigation over the royalties from property owned by Indians and held in trust by the government.

The Department of Interior leases the land to others for farming or resource development and is supposed to pay the money generated by the land into Individual Indian

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Story of Bluebird

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sitting in a circle. They become angry and demand to know why he has come.

Bluebird tells them he desires to take his son, which only enrages the old bulls. "You can't have your son because of the way the Arapaho people treated one from our nation."

But Bluebird persists. The buffalo see that Bluebird presents himself as brave and honorable; he earns their respect. So they devise a series of four tests.

"If you pass the four tests," the old bulls say, "you can take your son home."

With his son's help, Bluebird passes three tests that involve picking his son from among other buffalo calves. The old bulls are suitably impressed.

The last test requires Bluebird to sit with the bulls as they tell a story. "We're going to sit up for two sunrises, starting now. If you're still awake at the second sunrise, you can take your son home."

So the story begins, first told by one bull, then another. As the tale unfolds, Bluebird grows increasingly tired.

"Father, don't go to sleep," his son urges, "because if you go to sleep, my grandfathers will kill you."

But Bluebird knows fatigue is getting the best of him. He takes an eagle plume from his hair and tells his son, "If anything happens to me, take this eagle plume. And if they kill me, later on, when you get lonesome for me, you come back to this place and put that plume in the ground. You call my name four times, and I will come back."

Bluebird does fall asleep. The bulls try to rouse him, but it's no use. The Buffalo Nation tramples upon Bluebird until nothing remains.

The little buffalo later becomes lonesome for his father and remembers his words. Following his father's instructions, he returns to the place his father was trampled and sticks the eagle plume in the earth.

He begins to call his father's name. Each time he calls, the wind grows stronger, until a whirlwind forms. The fourth time the buffalo calf calls, his father stands before him.

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Money trust accounts.

But money that was supposed to go into Indians' accounts was squandered, stolen and mismanaged for more than a century, the plaintiffs alleged.

Attorneys for the lawsuit's lead plaintiff, Elouise Cobell of Browning, Mont., say the number of potential beneficiaries could reach 600,000. But the government has correct names and addresses for only half that number, the plaintiffs said.

Two companies, Kinsella Media and The Garden City Group, have been hired to carry out the search using $20 million from the settlement, plaintiffs attorney Dennis Gingold said in a statement Wednesday.

Hogan tentatively set June 20 as the date for a fairness hearing on the plan to disburse the settlement money.

The plaintiffs have said the first checks won't be sent to plaintiffs until at least August, and the complete disbursement could take six more months after that.

The judge named J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. as the qualifying bank to handle the disbursement. He also set an April 20 deadline for individual Indian beneficiaries to opt out of the class-action settlement and pursue their own claim with the government.

Tribal members gather for a festive dance on Dec. 18, 2010 at Darlington Elementary School in El Reno, Okla.

Photos by Rebecka Lyman

On a cool brisk winter evening Oklahoma Indian Nations powwow committee held a Christmas Dance.

Everyone who attended gathered inside Darlinton Elementary School on the basketball court. The head singer in the center of the court kicked off the evening with a large drum at his feet singing a song of thanks. The evening proceeded with laughter and visiting with one another along with a two-step contest, prettiest shawl contest, cakewalk and candy sacks handed out for everyone.

Events CALENDAR

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Adult Bowling League

For all tribal members and tribal employees starting Jan. 3, 2011 at the El Reno Bowling Alley in El Reno, Okla. Register teams by Dec. 28, 2010 by call the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program at (405) 422-7570.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Special Tribal Council Meeting

1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011. Lunch served at noon. For more information contact Lisa Martin at (405) 422-7430.

The fourth annual Doyle Lonelodge Basketball Tournament

Jan. 8-9, 2011 at the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. gym in Clinton, Okla. Deadline to register is Dec. 28, 2010. No entry fee required. For more information call the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program (405) 422-7570 or (580) 323-2601.

Chicago

Jan 9, 2011 at the Lucky Star Casino in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m., concert at 8 p.m. For information or to order tickets call (866) 966-1777 or visit www.ticketstorm.com. Seating is first come first serve only.

The International Finals Rodeo

Jan. 14-16, 2011 at the State Fairground Arena in Oklahoma City. For more information call (405) 235-6540.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Elders Day Out

From 5 - 9 p.m., Jan. 19, 2011. Dinner and a show in Oklahoma City. For trnasporation schedule call the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570.

Native American Church Cheyenne Chapter One Benefit Dance

Gourd dance at 3 p.m. Dinner served at 5 p.m., Jan. 22, 2011 at the Watonga Multipurpose Centeer in Watonga, Okla. To make a donation call Charles Haag at (405) 205-6622 or Wendy Haag at (405) 422-7498.

The Heart of America Youth Rodeo

Jan. 22-23, 2011 at the Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center in Shawnee, Okla. For more information call (405) 834-4528.

American Legion Post 401 Meeting

6 p.m., Thursday Jan. 27, 2011 at the Native American Church building in Concho, Okla. For more information call (940) 367-5330 or email sugainikia74@aol.com.

The fifth annual Oklahoma City University Spring Powwow Contest

Sat. April 9, 2011at the campus of Oklahoma City University. For more information email Lindsey Factor, lfactor.stu@my.okcu.edu or Chris Roman Nose, cromannose@okcu.edu.

The American Legion Post 401 met Dec. 21, 2010 at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Housing Authority Conference Center in Clinton, Okla.

The group elected the following three core officers, Post Commander Charles Fletcher, Vice-Commander Michael Leader and Post Adjutant Carolyn Fletcher.

Dinner was provided by members and the Lucky Star Casino also furnished food for the meeting. There were approximately 30 people in attendance.

The Post 401 is planning a dance in the Spring and is still seeking members for the post and the auxiliary.

The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011 at the Native American Church building in Concho, Okla.

For questions or information call (940) 367-5330 or email sugainikia74@aol.com.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! Remember to pray for our soldiers.

Thank you to Lucky Star Casino for the meal that you provided for the American Legion Post 401 meeting. The members were thrilled to have such a great meal.

Any Bean Soup

Prep: 15 min. Cook: 30 min.
2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup nonfat dry milk powder
1/3 cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
1 cup water
2 cups chopped peeled apples
Oil for deep-fat frying
Sugar

Cooking with USDA Foods

Recipes furnished by the Cheyenne & Arapaho Food Distribution Program

Directions

In a large bowl, combine first five ingredients. Whisk eggs and water; add to dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in apples.

In an electric skillet, heat oil to 375°. Drop batter by teaspoonfuls, a few at a time, in hot oil. Fry until golden brown, about 1-1/2 minutes on each side. Drain on paper towels. Roll warm fritters in sugar. Serve warm. Yield: 40 fritters.

Note: The batter isn't very sweet, so if you desire sweet fritters, increase the sugar amount. Also, I added 2 tsp apple pie spice to the batter, and rolled the fritters in sugar and cinnamon.

TRIBAL TRIBUNE
DEADLINES
At 5 p.m. every 8th and 23rd of the month. Unless the 8th or 23rd falls on a weekend, it will be the Friday preceding.

BRIEFS

Positive Thoughts-Powerful Outcomes

Jan. 11-12, 2011 in Los Angeles, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.dciamerica.com.

Team Building and Cultural Diversity-Managing Differences

Jan. 13-14, 2011 in Los Angeles, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.dciamerica.com.

Basic Bookkeeping for Tribal Organizations-Federal Grants and Contracts Accounting

Jan. 18-19, 2011 at the Hard Rock Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Gangs and Drugs in Indian Country

Jan. 18-20, 2011 at the Doubletree Hotel in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinistitute.com.

Construction Inspections for Tribes and Tribal Organizations

Jan. 20-21, 2011 at the Hard Rock Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The Legal Aspects of Health Information Management

Jan. 20-21, 2011 at the Hard Rock Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Indian Taxation

Jan. 24-25, 2011 at the Hard Rock Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Financial Literacy for Tribal Boards and Council Members

Jan. 25-26, 2011 at the Hard Rock Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 13th annual Indian Gaming National Marketing Conference

Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2011 at the Augua Caliente Casino Resport Spa in Rancho Mirage, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.ravingconsulting.com/indian-gaming conferences@ravingconsulting.com or call (775) 329-7864.

Global Summit on HIV/AIDS and Female Trafficking

Feb. 22-25, 2011 in Washington, D.C. For more information email info_summit@globomail.com or kaitlyn.morgan2010@globomail.com.

Multimedia Boot Camp for Journalism Professionals and Educators

Feb. 23-27, 2011 at the Diversity Institute. Multimedia training tailored for journalists but open to anyone with an interest in multimedia storytelling.Registrations will be accepted until Feb. 7, 2011. For more information or to register visit www.surveymonkey.com/REGISTER4bootcamp.

The fifth annual Reservation Economic Summit and American Indian Business Trade Fair

March 14-17, 2011 at the Hilton in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.ncaied.org.

IN MEMORIAM

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Members

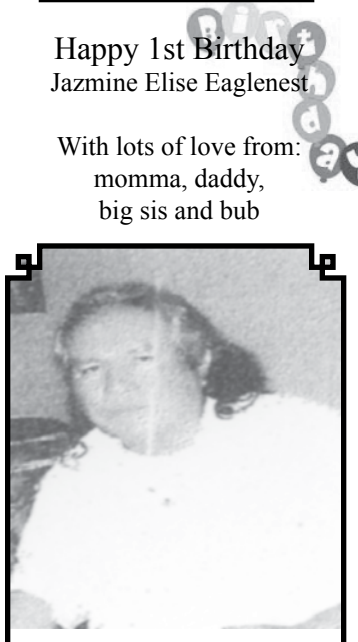
NAME	BIRTH	DEATH
Virginia Kaye Flores	10/28/1958	1/8/2010
Dorothy May Clark	1/26/1936	1/14/2010
Orren John Sage	3/22/1955	1/16/2010
Pamela Kay Rishel	6/9/1963	1/17/2010
Jean Larue Formby	7/30/1935	1/21/2010
Keith Finley	6/25/1964	1/26/2010
Sandra Jean Witte	3/5/1957	1/30/2010
Minnie J. Blindwoman	6/27/1924	2/3/2010
Nelson John Turtle	11/19/1937	2/10/2010
Mervin Edward Chapman	7/7/1947	2/12/2010
James Merrill Bull Coming	6/27/1954	2/13/2010
Jamie Jo Franks	7/9/1981	2/28/2010
Lance Allrunner	11/30/1968	3/5/2010
Walkup Kendall Tallbear	1/13/1954	3/11/2010
Porferio Tirador Armstrong	5/8/1935	3/17/2010
James Doyle Reynolds	11/20/1979	3/29/2010
Frankie Lou Hail	9/6/1946	4/4/2010
Leonard Frank Clawson	3/2/1971	4/4/2010
Catherine Hall	5/17/1912	4/6/2010
Luther Leonard Lunsford	12/20/1924	4/6/2010
Ronald Gerald Haury	11/28/1954	4/11/2010
Messian Bianchi	9/19/1973	4/14/2010
Cortney Thunderbull	7/11/1992	4/17/2010
Franklin W Harrison	2/14/1946	4/25/2010
Woodrow White Crow	8/24/1931	4/28/2010
Lenora F Holliman	8/23/1921	5/5/2010
Harry Bernerd Starr	12/31/1945	5/8/2010
Charles Henry D. Bushyhead	4/9/1941	5/8/2010
Norma J. Buffalomeat	4/11/1935	5/9/2010
Derrick Craig Deere	8/26/1991	5/23/2010
Jordan Benjamin Wilson	12/27/1990	5/24/2010
Dwight E. Fletcher	5/6/1948	5/24/2010
Mansell Henry Keith	11/27/1925	5/29/2010
Melton Roy Whiteman	7/11/1952	5/30/2010
Steven Ridgebear	6/28/1954	6/2/2010
Jo Ann Williams	3/12/1933	6/3/2010
Samuel Dyer	2/14/1943	6/10/2010
Arbutus Zuniga-Hummingbird	2/28/1962	6/22/2010
Daniel Lee Cass	1/7/1935	6/28/2010
Eunice Hadley	5/25/1944	7/8/2010
Johnny Larue Rouse	1/20/1960	7/9/2010
Wallace Williams Sr.	5/17/1931	7/10/2010
Aaron Wade Standing Water	7/11/1965	7/11/2010
Samuel C Hart	4/28/1931	7/15/2010
Angela Diane Harrington	7/21/1961	7/18/2010

NAME	BIRTH	DEATH
Susan Wanita Taylor	2/19/1950	7/22/2010
Richard Kenneth Haury	10/8/1953	7/27/2010
Eldine Page	8/5/1936	8/4/2010
Efren Acosta Jr.	12/1/1987	8/6/2010
Shannon Bull Coming	3/31/1977	8/7/2010
Dorothy Faye Weasel Bear	1/5/1951	8/9/2010
Maureen Gladys Big Pond	12/25/1946	8/12/2010
Cynthia Margaret Todd	11/25/1962	8/16/2010
Leveta E. Abad	9/17/1941	8/18/2010
Georgia Ada Akeen	8/16/1957	8/29/2010
Bessie Tasso	4/9/1936	9/3/2010
Lucy Emile Cutnose	12/26/1942	9/9/2010
Sabrina Mea Lumpmouth	3/10/1988	9/9/2010
Virgie Mignon Wilborn	11/17/1977	9/11/2010
Ernest Marion Kirby Jr.	3/20/1925	9/14/2010
Cora Mae Sutton Scabbyhorse	9/5/1932	9/16/2010
Richard Alan Greany	7/30/1956	10/5/2010
Donald Ray Keith	2/2/1936	10/5/2010
Kenneth Charles Deere	1/11/1977	10/11/2010
Robert Allen Osage	2/12/1951	10/11/2010
Leslie Medicine Bear	11/14/1936	10/11/2010
Patsy Jean Mendonca	5/13/1939	10/14/2010
Wilma Sue Hamilton	10/8/1952	10/16/2010
Mark Anthony Bustos	12/29/1961	10/18/2010
Theron Gerald Starr	10/10/1960	10/26/2010
Merlin Ray Bull	9/1/1962	10/30/2010
Robert Wesley Hill	1/21/1941	11/1/2010
Clinton M. Youngbear Jr.	5/5/1981	11/16/2010
Georgia Mae Sutton	5/2/1948	11/16/2010
Niehhi Skidi Hamilton	2/18/1986	11/20/2010
Christopher John Soap	4/7/1989	11/21/2010
Stacey Elene Greany	9/8/1965	11/22/2010
Pamela Ann Sayler	12/17/1958	11/24/2010
Ralph Edward White	6/28/1950	11/25/2010
Levi Charles Thunderbull	11/26/1945	11/26/2010
Truman Ralph Turtle	5/7/1954	11/26/2010
John I. Woodall	10/18/1956	11/28/2010
Albert James Starr	10/5/1939	11/29/2010
Elizabeth P. White Shield	8/4/1930	12/1/2010
Nellie Jo Starr	2/25/1936	12/4/2010
Evalina Dillinger	9/28/1919	12/11/2010
Kay Christy McIntyre	10/7/1965	12/14/2010
Rose Lena Wassana	4/3/1940	12/15/2010
Mitchell Wayne Whitebird	2/21/1973	12/16/2010
Marian Ellen Pratt	10/18/1946	12/18/2010
Henry Tasso, Sr.	6/10/1937	12/20/2010

Happy Birthday

Happy 1st Birthday
Jazmine Elise Eaglenest

With lots of love from:
momma, daddy,
big sis and bub



Happy Birthday
grandpa John
We all love you,
your grandkids and family

Happy Birthday
To our grandmother
Frances Beard Jan. 11
The girls and I are very blessed
to have you in our lives each
and everyday…
We love you and wish you
many more to come!!!
Love, Amaya, Destiny,
Cadence and Jackie

Happy Birthday
Jo Jo and Goodie
Jan. 5

from the Roman Nose family
love you both

Happy Birthday
Alfred T. Romannose

From the Romannose
family and
Tomitajo, Carmen,
Chante and Sissa

Happy 8th Birthday
Kendrick Lee Humphreys
Jan. 12

I love you, mom
Hope you have a good day!

Happy Birthday
John Standingwater Dec. 26
Carla Standingwater Dec. 19

Wishing Carla and John a
very happy birthday and a
have a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!!!!
From your mom Carol
Standingwater, sisters Carin
and Carol Mitchell , brother
Chistopher Bird,
love you always.

Happy Birthday to my
lil sister Jo Jo and
brother Goodie on Jan. 5

Love Alfred and family
Red Deer Canada

I would like to wish my sons
Levi 7 and Tracy 5
Happy Birthdays!

Love, mom
Dec. 23 and Jan. 24

Happy Birthday
Karissa Whiteshirt
We all love you very much
Love, mema, mom, Chris,
Karisten and family

Happy Birthday "auntie Len"
We wish you many many more!

Love you, Cayden, Hamster,
baby Dra-na, Sissa and the rest
of the Amerika crew

I want to wish my mother
Josetta Roman Nose and
my uncle Good Warrior Deer
a very Happy Birthday on Jan.5

Love you
Brandon Wermy Jr.

We wish our grandkids a
Happy Birthday
Brody Hart -Dec. 28 and
Dominick Hart- Jan. 4
Love grandma's and grandpa's,
mom, dad- Michael and Kelly,
Phillip, Nancy, John and
the Hart family. Emily and
Whiteman family
Frank and Alice, and Joe
family.

Happy Birthday
Karisten Whiteshirt Hope you
have a great day.
Love, mema, mom, Chris,
Karissa and family

2011 Happy New Year 2011

A penny for my thoughts

Submitted by Abraham Pedro

My uncle, who was carrying drum, I got after him in a ceremony. He was joking around all night. Our ceremonies are supposed to be deeply spiritual and religious, and here is this guy who is supposed to be our elder, acting like a clown all night. Knowing I would violate the rules of protocols, that you aren't supposed to get after your elders, I decided to ask him to behave. I figured this was okay, since I was always told if my elders don't behave or act right, then it is the youth's right to put them straight. After all, they get after us, and tell us how we are supposed to be, they should set the example. So his response was "shut up, you are only a half breed Arapaho, trying to tell your full-blood Cheyenne uncle how to be?"

I have always heard it said, "NDNs just can't get together. We just don't get along. We can't organize," but why is that? So now I am wondering…

I have heard it said when it comes to us Cheyenne-Arapahoes (Now, I say Cheyenne Arapaho.) I am just Arapaho and half white but I have Cheyenne, Kiowa and Comanche relatives. Some of my kin are married and have kids with every other tribe and nation out there. My way of thinking is once a person marries into my family, my blood is mixed with theirs. They become part of our Indian people by helping to produce the future generations of our tribes and we become part of their group of people. By birthright to these kids, my nieces and nephews, I am a true "Heinz 57". We all are, there isn't anything as a pure bloodline anymore in today's world.

We have too many communities, too many dividing factors that keep us all from getting along. I've heard it said that we have too many ways going in all directions for us to ever get along. So and so is from that family, and way back there they farted at our table or something or another, so we don't get along. We have church people who don't agree with traditional people, traditional people arguing against other traditional people, we have "wannabes", full bloods, apples, poor NDNs, rich NDNs, not to mention this Cheyenne versuses Arapaho thing going on and meanwhile we are still up a certain creek without a paddle.

Go to any business council meeting and you will see people who don't even know each other cussing each other around and all kinds of stuff because they don't like this group or that group and they are either in or out or something.

I love my tribe, but man, it's a disgrace to see our people act this way when we are taught about sacred holy things in our teachings. Our people are stabbing each other on the streets.

I'll talk about our council meetings later, but for now, we cannot get along. We cannot sit down at the table as adults put aside our differences and talk real turkey. Meanwhile, we are fighting over scraps and the real meat has gone.

Smaller minorities in America (even smaller than Indian people) called special interest groups are supreme masters at organizing. They have even influenced policies in America all the way up to the inner workings of the government. They get their way, even influencing public opinion and even (some say) picking past presidents. Yet, us NDN people are still struggling here in Oklahoma. We should have our own schools. Our own schools taught by and ran by Indian people. Our own towns, our own businesses and part of the reason we can't have that is everytime we do the mainstream sees us, is scared by us and underhandedly shuts anything we got going down.

Do you want to know why in my book we cannot get along? We can't organize.

You may ask, "Can we ever get along?" I don't know. I reply, "We have too many Chiefs and not enough NDNs."

Seeing a bunch of turkey feather headdresses on a float makes me laugh. That is the epitome of the power they took away from us. Is it also because the Tribal government is modeled to fail? I don't know, but I do know we have been failing this whole time. I am not saying we need to return to the traditional ways of governance our people have, but it might be something we could honestly think about truly incorporating into our Tribe. I do know that if all the Indian people in Oklahoma got together and put aside our fake turkey feather Chief hats for one second and thought it through we could carve out something different than the short end of the stick that we have now.

Why can't we get along? I don't know. But if it is the fact we have too many leaders, we need to figure it out and figure it out real soon if we want to start playing ball.

One thing I do know is that it is real simple. Our communities need to start organizing at home. If we can get organized within our own communities, and support one another then that is the first step. Put aside your differences. Once we get this kind of consensus and all the Tribal communities can do this, then we can organize. But that's the hardest part. First we got to accept each other, whether we are church or traditional or the fullest full blood of them all or even non-Natives (of any color, race creed, etc.) who just want to belong. I mean half our people live out of state (due to the fact you can't get a job in NW Oklahoma). We have doctors, lawyers, PhDs who we won't let on our rolls because they aren't enough blood yet they are Indian. We have to include everyone who wants to be included. We have to figure out our priorities, and stick to our guns. Learn to cooperate and learn true management skills with each other. Maybe instead of a free for all at council meetings all the community people show up after talking everyone's concerns out at home and deciding what the main points of contention are rather than being something out of a Springer Show, we can get together.

Maybe instead of the tribe coming up short, selling out, we should learn to help run the Tribe to the fullest and put our future grandchildren as the head priorities. If we cannot get together, then no matter how long it takes, regardless of if we have Federal recognition or not, we might as well recognize we are already one of the dead tribes of America. Indians can rule the world when we get together. So, whenever you are all ready let's get with it.

Abraham Pedro is a humble member of the Arapaho people. He currently resides in Norman, Okla. is working towards his Master's Degree in Anthropology, where he hopes to eventually write an ethnography on non-Natives. He may be reached for comment anytime before 9 p.m. adpedro@ou.edu.

Meeting with traditional Chiefs

Submitted article

On Saturday Dec. 11, 2010, the Cheyenne-Arapaho Planning Department met with several tribal chiefs to discuss ways to incorporate traditional components into the new Tribal Justice Center. Rowena Yeahquo, Tribal Planner, gave a project overview.

The tribes received a grant from the Department of Justice to develop a master plan. Besides a courtroom, the Justice Center will also include offices to assist tribal members through the legal process. These programs are Probation, Substance Abuse Referral, Juvenile Services, Domestic Violence, ICW, Prisoner Re-Entry and Law Enforcement.

The Planning Department wanted to receive input from the tribal leaders on possibly utilizing traditional influence in the designs, colors or project orientation. There was also discussion about integrating traditional tribal law into our justice system, such as an Elders Circle. The traditional chiefs provided cultural ideas and valuable feedback.

Some of the suggestions were: include an emergency shelter; a place for sweatlodge; a place for chief's ceremonial teepee; entrance facing east; energy efficient (green technology); community service with Native American Church; and provide legal services.

The Chiefs were open to the idea of being involved in the justice planning process and we will be meeting again in the Spring of 2011. We appreciate their input and welcome any Elders and Chiefs to come to our next meeting.

The Chiefs that attended were Roderick Sweezy, George Akeen, George Woods, Harvey Monetathchi and Francis Hamilton, Sr.

Employment Opportunities

Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver's license, and CDIB to: Personnel Department P.O. Box 38 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: whaag @c-a-tribes.org

Caseworker IIM
Social Services
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Prefer bachelors degree in social work or related field preferred; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Require two years of experience in professional related field and supervisory experience. Work flexible hours and willing to work after normal business hours. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as other confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required and be adjudicated appropriately. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver's license to operate a government owned vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho/Native American cultures and values. Work with difficult clientele with various social problems and/or needs. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Laborer
Economic Development
Closing Date: Continuous

QUALIFICATIONS:

Ability to accept immediate employment. Ability to lift a minimum of 75 lbs. Ability and knowledge to operate light weight equipment. Must be physically fit to withstand various types of manual labor. Prefer knowledge of landscaping- planting flowers and shrubs. Must have stable work history, be dependable and conscientious. Must have knowledge in performing general repair duties. Must have painting experience. Must submit to a background check. Must have high school diploma or GED. Must have current driver's license.

SALARY: Negotiable

Fence Crew/Laborer
Economic Development
Closing Date:Continuous

QUALIFICATIONS:

Dependable, physically fit and able to lift a minimum of 75 lbs. or more. Knowledgeable in operating farm equipment. Willing to work until daily tasks are completed. Must be able to work on an on-call basis. High school diploma or GED required and valid Oklahoma driver's license.

SALARY: Negotiable

Nutrition Aide
Seasonal
Closing Date:Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of basic food preparation and sanitation. Ability to work independently with little or no supervision. Ability to communicate effectively with clients and community groups. Ability to write effectively and complete reports in a timely manner. Knowledge of basic computer software. Must be over 18 years of age. Must have high school diploma or equivalence. Must have a valid state driver's license. Prefer degree in a related field or equivalence of combined health and nutrition experience. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Supervisory Licensing Agent/
Investigator-Gaming Comm.
Closing Date: Jan. 7, 2011

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must possess two years supervisory experience and a bachelor's degree or a combination of education and experience on a year to year basis. Must be computer literate. Must have a valid Oklahoma state driver's license. Ability to maintain a high level confidentiality a must. Must pass extensive background check. Must pass a pre-hire drug screen. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Transit Drivers II
On Call-3 Positions
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must possess or be willing to attend training programs to gain CPR and CDL certifications. Must pass a pre-employment drug screening process and subject to random drug testing. Must maintain a clean driving record and may be required to provide a Motor Vehicle Report (MVR). Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs. with no physical barriers. Must possess the ability to communicate effectively both orally and written. Must possess high school diploma, possible completion of a commercial driving training program and defensive driving program. Experience may be an acceptable equivalent.

SALARY: Negotiable

Warehouse Technician
Food Distribution
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

High school graduate or GED certification required. Must be able to do moderate to heavy lifting. Must pass a physical examination. Must have demonstrated ability to operate PC computer. An Oklahoma CDL driver's license preferred and forklift operator's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

CHR-Temporary
Seiling, Okla. Area
Closing Date: Until filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Cheyenne or Arapaho tribal member preferred. Have EMT, medical assistant, CMA, or CNA experience. Have current CPR certification. Valid Oklahoma state driver's license and be insurable under the tribe's insurance. Must reside in service area. Must pass a physical and be in good physical condition. Must pass basic CHR training and first responder training within one year. Travel required in duties. Submit program PCC and mileage/maintenance on a weekly basis. Maintain GSA vehicle responsibility. Must pass OSBI background check. Must have minimum of high school diploma or G.E.D. Must have own reliable vehicle and residential telephone. Must be able to work outside of normal working hours as needed. Other duties as assigned.

SALARY: Negotiable

Assistant Director
R.E.Sp.E.C.T.
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must possess a high school diploma/GED; AA degree preferred or four years of work experience in related field or its equivalent; must be willing to further education (associates or bachelors degree); must receive and maintain CPR/First Aid Certifications; knowledgeable about the Cheyenne and Arapaho people, communities, traditions, culture and customs; possess a valid Oklahoma Driver's license; TERO applies (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Preference); and must pass a background check.

SALARY: Negotiable

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Instructional Television Technology Specialist
Part-time (10 hours/week)-Anadarko
Position 11-S020

Under limited supervision, coordinates and maintains ITV classrooms and other continuing education and distance learning equipment and software for minimum use of resources in a reliable manner. Coordinates with outside services for repair of equipment and works with faculty teaching from site, monitors tests, receives and passes out classroom material and sends students and teachers materials as necessary.

Computer technology major, experience in distance learning equipment, knowledge of or has worked for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and has knowledge of or work experience

within the educational/ classroom environment preferred.

Instructional Television Technology Specialist
Part-time (20 hours/week)-Clinton
Position 11-S019

Under limited supervision, coordinates and maintains ITV classrooms and other continuing education and distance learning equipment and software for minimum use of resources in a reliable manner. Coordinates with outside services for repair of equipment and works with faculty teaching from site, monitors tests, receives and passes out classroom material and sends students and teachers materials as necessary.

Computer technology major, experience in distance learning equipment, knowledge of or has worked for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and has knowledge of or work experience

within the educational/ classroom environment preferred.

Instructional Television Technology Specialist
Part-time (20 hours/week)-El Reno
Position 11-S023

Under limited supervision, coordinates and maintains ITV classrooms and other continuing education and distance learning equipment and software for minimum use of resources in a reliable manner. Coordinates with outside services for repair of equipment and works with faculty teaching from site, monitors tests, receives and passes out classroom material and sends students and teachers materials as necessary.

Computer technology major, experience in distance learning equipment, knowledge of or has worked for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and has knowledge of or work experience

within the educational/ classroom environment preferred.

SALARY: Commensurate with existing salary structure.

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until position is filled.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Submit completed Application for Staff Employment to:

Office of Human Resources, SWOSU

100 Campus Drive, Weatherford, OK 73096 or fax application material to (580) 774-7110.

Application for Staff Employment is available at the Office of Human Resources, Administration Building, Room 101 or on-line at www.swosu.edu/resources/forms/hr/apps/hr-staffapp-new.doc. For additional information visit www.swosu.edu.

Special Tribal Council Meeting
Saturday, January 8, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.
Concho Community Hall, Concho, OK
Lunch to be served at noon

Bus Transportation Schedule

BUS #1 PICKUP FOR WOODWARD, SEILING, CANTON, WATONGA, GEARY

TOWN	DEPARTURE LOCATION	DEPARTURE TIME
Woodward, OK	Walmart parking lot 3215 Williams Ave	9:00 am
Seiling, OK	Seiling Community Hall 411 North Main	9:30 am
Canton, OK	Native American Community Center Broadway Street	10:00 am
Watonga, OK	Watonga Multi-purpose Building 1302 S. Clarence Nash	10:30 am
Geary, OK	Geary Community Hall 132 E. Main	11:00 am

BUS #2 PICKUP FOR HAMMON, ELK CITY, CLINTON, WEATHERFORD

TOWN	DEPARTURE LOCATION	DEPARTURE TIME
Hammon, OK	Hammon Community Hall 801 Dunn Street	9:00 am
Elk City, OK	Loves Country Store 2703 E Highway 66	9:30 am
Clinton, OK	Clinton Lucky Star Casino 101 N. Indian Hospital Rd.	10:00 am
Weatherford, OK	United Supermarket 810 E Main Street	10:30 am

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Concho, Okla.

Jan. 6, 20, & 27th
February 3, 10, 17, & 24th

For more information call Deborah Ellis at (405) 422-7674 or Margie Deer at (405) 422-7676.
Sponsored by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Health Education program.

Thank you

As most of you know, 25 years ago this month, I tragically lost my father to a heart attack and my grandmother to a stroke. I am always so thankful for the time to spend with my family and friends during the holidays. I am also so thankful of you.

Because of you, this year so many people in Indian Country learned of their risks of heart disease and stroke.

Because of you, someone in Indian Country took the information you gave them and took a step to improve their heart health.

Because of you, a lives have been saved and this holiday they are spending time with their families.

Last year, because of you, nearly 4000 Native Americans registered to join the Go Red For Women in Oklahoma and New Mexico alone. We improved healthcare in our communities. Thousands received heart healthy information during February's Go Red month and facilities such as University of New Mexico, University of New Mexico Health Science Center and the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center received over $2,155,000. in research funding from the American Heart Association.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for all that you have done in Indian Country. I appreciate you and wish you very happy holiday season. See you in the New Year!

Mashell Sourjohn
Regional Health Equity Director
Oklahoma & New Mexico

Department of Enrollment

ADDRESS CHANGES

As most tribal members may have personally experienced, there were some HUGE issues with incorrect addresses on the gaming revenue per capita checks. The Department of Enrollment would like to apologize for this problem and assure tribal members of our diligence in attempting to remedy what has become a colossal task.

Please submit address changes for per cap payments with the Department of Enrollment. You can use the website to access the Change of Address form and W-9-both will be forwarded to Per Capita. Please feel free to visit our office for the forms.

Keep in mind this information might not be shared with other programs you may utilize. If you move, please inform all the programs you use at the tribe, including the *Tribal Tribune* so you can be kept informed of current events.

Obama

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tribes.

Those efforts include creating jobs, building roads on reservations, improving education and improving health care, Obama said.

He recalled that Crow Indians gave him the name ``One who helps people throughout the land.'' And he joked that his wife, Michelle, says his name should be ``One who isn't picking up his shoes and his socks.''

Timothy Hinton, vice chairman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in Arizona, said Obama's support for the U.N. declaration is among several steps forward the administration has taken this year on Native American issues. The new Indian Health Care Act, Tribal Law and Order Act and the resolution of disputes with farmers and royalty holders are landmark events and fulfill campaign promises Obama made, Hinton said.

The settlement of the nearly 15-year-old Cobell royalty case, which Obama signed last week, includes separate measures settling four long-standing disputes over Native American water rights in Arizona, New Mexico and Montana. Among the tribes winning settlements were the White Mountain Apaches, who will receive $292 million for construction and operation of a rural water system. The payment settles a dispute over water rights on the reservation that dates to 1917.

``I think it's a real new start for Indian Country,'' Hinton said, adding that the flurry of activity on tribal issues ``helps us get started in every way.''

Robert Coulter, executive director of the Indian Law Resource Center, an advocacy group, called the U.N. declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples the most significant development in international human rights law in decades.

The U.S. endorsement ``reflects the worldwide acceptance of indigenous peoples and our governments as a permanent part of the world community and the countries where we live,'' Coulter said. ``International human rights law now recognizes the rights of indigenous peoples as peoples, including rights of self-determination, property and culture.''

In a related development, the U.S. Department of Energy said Thursday it is creating an Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs to promote tribal energy development. The new office will be led by Tracey LeBeau, a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of South Dakota.

Note: Below is an excerpt of the letter received by Gov. Janice Boswell confirming her attendance at the Tribal Nations Summit in Washington, D.C.

Gov. Boswell also attended several break out sessions listed in the letter, representing the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

Dear Governor Boswell of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes,

Thank you for your timely response to the White House Tribal Nations Conference invitation. This email confirms that we have received your information and that you will be the representative for your federally recognized tribe at the Conference. Please read this letter carefully as there are important instructions and deadlines. As we finalize plans for the White House Tribal Nations Conference, we would like to provide you with additional information to help you prepare for your visit. As indicated in the invitation, the Conference will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16, in Washington, D.C., at the U.S. Department of Interior, Sidney R. Yates Auditorium located at 1849 C Street, NW from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The program will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. and if you arrive later than 9 a.m., you may be required to wait outside for security reasons. Seating will be on a first come, first serve basis.

To build on last year's successful White House Tribal Nations Conference and expand the meaningful discussion between tribal leadership and the Administration, this year's conference will feature concurrent breakout sessions to give conference attendees the opportunity to interact with representatives from the highest levels of the Obama Administration. The five breakout sessions that will be offered include:

Nation-to-Nation Relationship

A discussion about the Nation-to-Nation relationship between the United States and Indian Tribes, and how this relationship can be improved upon in the future.

Education/ Healthcare/Community Services

A discussion regarding education, healthcare and community services in Indian Country and how these areas can be better coordinated, more accessible and culturally appropriate.

Economic Development/ Housing/ Infrastructure

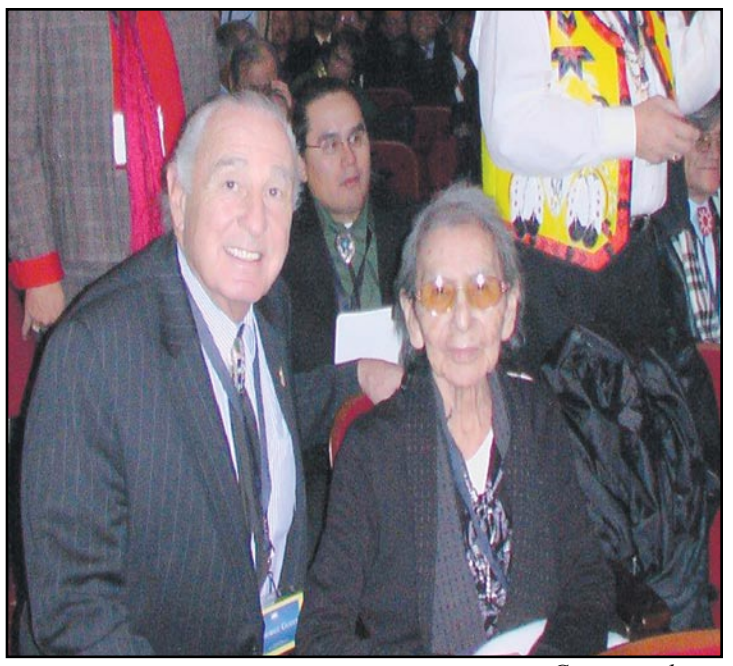
A discussion on economic development opportunities, housing and infrastructure and how to build strong tribal communities.

Tribal Land/Cultural Protection/Natural Resources

A discussion on Tribal land, cultural protection and awareness, and natural resources.

Public Safety/ Homeland Security

A discussion on public safety, law enforcement, substance abuse and disaster response.



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Ruby Bushyhead visits with former Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell. Bushyhead accompanied Gov. Boswell to Washington, D.C. to address the return of Ft. Reno to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

Sammy Hagar along with Firehouse performed Dec. 16, 2010 at the Lucky Star Casino in Concho, Okla.

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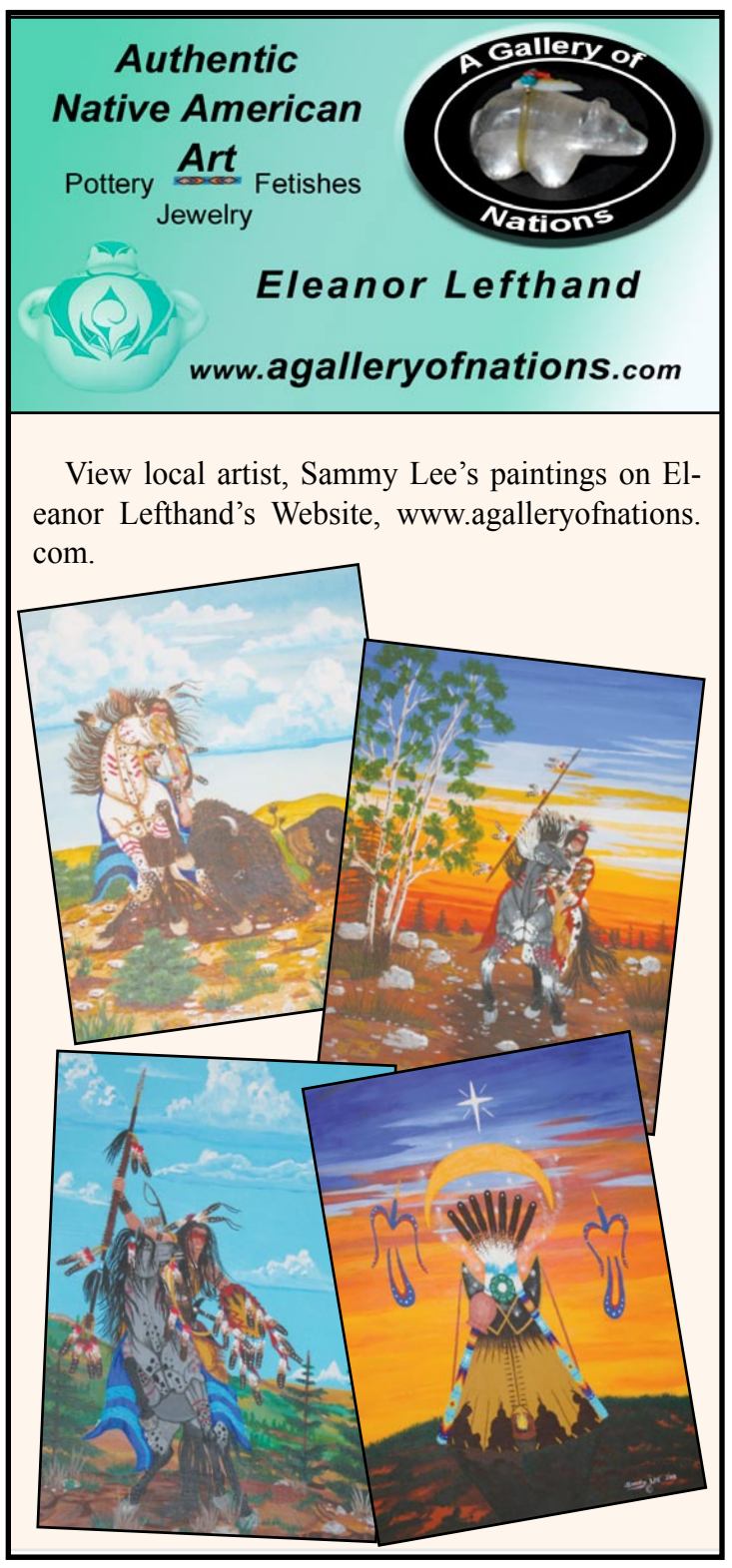

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A SALUTATION

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2010 was an auspicious day for President Randy Beutler who was officially inaugurated as the 17th President of Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Dr. Henrietta Mann, President of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College participated in his investiture by delivering one of the customary salutations to President Beutler. Below is her greeting and good wishes for his administration.

Dear Mr. Beutler:

On this YOUR DAY, I greet you as the founding President of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College.

I greet you as one who too loves the land that has shaped the collective identity of those of us from western Oklahoma.

I greet you as a professor emeritus of Native American Studies and as an administrator who loves the world of education we have chosen to serve.

I greet you sincerely in heart and spirit, and am pleased to participate in your ceremony of inauguration.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University is now yours to administer, and you bring a wealth of experience to the job as a Teacher, in fact a "teacher of the year" in Weatherford Public SchoolsHistorian Adjunct Professor of HistoryVice PresidentState Legislator and majority whip of the House

In the latter position, as a Cheyenne, I thank you for authoring legislation that created the National Park Service's Washita Battlefield National Historic Site.

You follow in the footsteps of 16 presidents, and you get to instill your vision for Southwestern Oklahoma State University upon your alma mater, which you now lead.

Whatever that vision, for now, it includes the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College. We thank you for acting as our host institution and for partnering with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to build its infrastructure and to nurture its growth.

The Tribes carry ancestral dreams of their children's education and well-being that can only be realized through the continuation of this partnership. They wish for them to tell the incredible and wondrous stories of what it is be Cheyenne, Arapaho, or one of the first peoples of this land. Know that I share your task of making this a place of higher learning where cultures flow together in mutual respect and understanding-in a climate of diversity.

Built in "the windy place," Southwestern can be seen for miles from any direction, and it continues to represent a beacon of educational hope.

President Beutler, dear sir, the flame of hope is now yours to carry. As this land's first peoples, we understand the very nature of aspirations, and we wish you well in attaining yours. Just as the others before me, I extend a hand of friendship and add my heartfelt and warm welcome to those who have preceded me. As the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College enters into a new but continuous partnership with Southwestern Oklahoma State University under the leadership of President Randy Beutler, the historic journey in higher education continues. It is a significant but challenging journey for the Tribal College, which has received only minimal funding from the Tribes this year.

On a more optimistic note, the journey is summarized in one of Dr. Mann's earlier statements: "As the natural, simple, peaceful, compassionate people who were the first to love this land, the people walk with humility and they treasure the great gifts that have come to them from their beloved grandparents, especially their wisdom, knowledge, generosity, love, hope, and vision of a world characterized by cultural integrity upon which the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College is founded."

Guided by the expectations of the people, the Tribal College stands as a place of traditional tribal knowledge and as a place where students can learn to build quality lives through education. It is the peoples' place of higher learning and hope for the future of their children and grandchildren.

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